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Osprey in the Outfield

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The osprey is known by many names, including fish eagle, sea hawk, and river hawk. As evidenced by these monikers, ospreys usually can be found near bodies of water.

As Valentine's Day draws near, one Saint Leo couple is looking to the future as they set about building a home. A pair of ospreys has been seen constructing a nest on top of one of Thomas B. Southard Stadium's light poles.

For several days now, the ospreys, which Buddhist culture calls the "Kings of the Birds," have been hard at work, bringing branches large and small as they work to build one of the largest nests of all birds. When finished, the nest may be more than six feet in diameter and weigh nearly 300 pounds. Unfortunately for Saint Leo's pair of resident osprey, the recent rains appear to have damaged the nest, causing it to droop down into the lights. The sea eagles, as osprey are also known, have been working double time to repair the nest and get it finished by the spring when eggs will arrive.

Despite the setback caused by Florida's weather, the couple must feel that they have scored a prime piece of real estate. Ospreys normally build their nests very high off the ground, typically in tall trees or on cliffs. In flat, palm tree covered Florida, it does not get much higher up than atop a set of stadium lights. The distance between light sets means that the birds will not have to worry about any annoying neighbors, and they have quick and easy access to Lake Jovita, where they will be able to dine on their favorite food of fish.

Although in other regions osprey are known to migrate vast distances, Floridian osprey tend to stay in the same area year-round, no doubt to enjoy the mild winters and abundant food supply. Ospreys are a global species, found on every continent except Antarctica. They may weigh nearly five pounds, have a wingspan of 70 inches, and live more than 25 years. The species is recognizable by their white heads, with black "masks" surrounding their golden eyes. These masks extend as stripes all the way down the bird's necks.

In the United States, osprey's only natural predators are larger birds of prey, including great horned owls and bald eagles. Because they compete for the same food supply, bald eagles are more likely to bully ospreys and prevent them from getting food than they are to eat the smaller bird. Despite being picked on by America's national bird, ospreys thrive worldwide and the International Union for Conservation of Nature, the organization which maintains the Endangered Species list, lists them as being least concern for conservation.

Ospreys raise two to four chicks a year, spending five months caring for their young. Both the parents are equally involved in care for the offspring and work around the clock to keep the hungry hatchlings fed. Like most eagles, including the bald eagle, ospreys mate for life, so the couple on campus may be above the baseball field on Valentine's Day and for many years to come.

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The female osprey usually lays two to four eggs. Over the course of about five months, the expectant avian parents work as a team to care fro the eggs as the prepare to hatch. A pair of literal love birds!

Editorial

Letter to the Editor

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By Edward Saint-Ivan
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I am OUTRAGED by our national debt. I have several ideas how to cut the debt without harming poor people. We should have a national conversation about waste at the National Institutes of Health, the United States Military, and the student loan program.

The National Institutes of Health can be divided into two main halves. The intramural program, which duplicates research already done by universities for less money, and the extramural program for handling grant money. My biggest cuts would be in the intramural programs, which means institutes like the National Institute of Drug Abuse, the National Institute of Orthopedics, Arthritis, and Dermatology, the National Eye Institute, and many others are dinosaurs. I would make much less cuts in the area of grants.

My next area of dire concern is the United States Military. The ROTC program is a total waste of money, robs students of electives, and contributes nothing to the pursuit of scholarly research. If ROTC really creates better officers, I have yet to see any proof.

Instead of ROTC, I would reward outstanding soldiers with a shot at Officer Candidate School. My program would be based on visionary policies of Admirals Borda and Zumwalt, the two most influential leaders in the history of the United States Navy.

Admiral Borda died under a cloud, but his relentless pursuit of excellence started when he joined the United States Navy at the very bottom and rose up to Chief of Naval Operations. Zumwalt was the youngest officer to ever become Chief of Naval Operations.

The United States Military cannot create leaders by sending them to ROTC or an expensive service academy. A four-year degree from one of the service academies costs the American taxpayer a quarter million dollars. Great soldiers make great leaders and even a system based on service doesn't have to leave out classes.

Every future officer in the United States Military should be highly versed in the Geneva Convention, preventing war crimes like what happened at Guantanamo Bay, and management.

The student loan program is a total disaster. Students don't have to demonstrate they can't get a scholarship, don't have to show they tried other things like the military, and don't always spend money on tuition. Even if someone could benefit from learning history or art or music, that doesn't justify going to college because there are other avenues. I learned to speak fluent Hungarian from speaking with my parents.

George Washington didn't go to a service academy because it didn't exist in his time. Abraham Lincoln didn't take out a loan for law school because he didn't need a law degree to sit for the Bar. To save the United States of America from debt, we need to stop wasting money.

Here's what you missed online this week at www.prideonlinedot.wordpress.com

To Secede or Not to Secede

Photo from @Falange_Philly

Catalonia is enduring an ongoing battle in attempts to secede from Spain. To learn about the recent protests and an informal vote performed by the Catalonians and to learn about Basque County, another region in Spain desiring to secede from Spain, read the article online.

Will AI Steal People's Jobs?

Photo from @DeepLearn007

To learn more about the advancement of artificial intelligence and how it has affected employment, read the article online.

Celebrating All Types of Love

Photo from @sharisberries

There are many types of love that Valentine's Day doesn't focus on. To learn about the different types of love and how some unconventional types can be celebrated, read the article online on Valentine's Day.

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Campus News

Dress to Impress

By Rebecca Hugh
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"Ladies, if you cannot walk in them, do not wear them,'" said Judy Holcomb, department chair of sports business and IHT.

On Feb. 1, the Accounting Club hosted an informational event on how to "dress for success." It was successfully put together by Passard Dean, faculty advisor of the accounting club, and his executive board.

Dean, professor of accounting and finance at the University Campus, with the help of a PowerPoint presentation, gave professional recommendations on how to properly dress for an interview, daily work, or promotion.

"Fit clothes to your body type. God gave it to you for a reason," said Dean.

Upon entry into the room, each student was given a ticket with pre-printed numbers, the other half of the ticket stub was put into a bag. A member of the eboard, at random, selected a member of the audience to draw from the bag of ticket stubs. Prizes varied from Starbucks and Dunkin' Donuts gift cards to pens, pencils, staplers, mini calculators, and highlighters.

Dressing for interviews is one of the most stressful things any college student may endure; however, Dean provided some helpful tips to not be stressed about professional attire:

Photo by Jonathon Chan Jon Chu

Giana Fernander, a senior majoring in healthcare management, happily shows off her prize. But don't let the size of that cup fool you - the tumbler contains a treasure trove of other goodies.

1. Wear conservative suits: one is more likely to impress by overdressing.
2. Wear clothing that fits: suits should be tailored, skirts should be knee-length and not too tight; clothing that is too loose may look borrowed.
3. Take loose clothes to a tailor or seamstress.
4. Women: bust line must be fitted properly so that is not revealing/tight. Also, be careful of long nails and wear low/ moderate high heels; no open-toed shoes.
5. Men: choose ties carefully; allow solid color and patterns. Wear dress shoes; wing tips or oxford style preferred.
6. When shopping, ask the assistance of sales clerk - they have the experience to help.
7. Wear clean, pressed clothes.
8. Invest in good grooming.
9. Cover tattoos and body piercings.
10. Keep your hair its natural color; highlights or streaks should not be ostentatious.

When applying for a job and attending an interview, one should be dressed appropriately. Companies want people who will represent them well, and what is said about a company can be reflected by how their employees dress - employers want those who are dressed for success.

Photo by Jonathon Chan Jon Chu

One of the available prizes was a brand-new Saint Leo portfolio.

Photo by Jonathon Chan Jon Chu

Students were able to win a goody bag, which includes pens, highlighters, a stapler, notepads, a Saint Leo University lanyard, and a mini calculator.

National

Trump's Supreme Court Nomination

By Travis Farmer
Contributing Writer

During a speech on Jan. 31, President Trump announced his choice for the newest Supreme Court Associate Justice, Neil Gorsuch, and filling the seat left by the death of the late Justice Antonin Scalia. This announcement comes following much controversy concerning the empty seat, and has been met with criticism from the left.

Supreme Court justices hear and decide the highest cases in the country, and rule what does or does not violate the constitution. For example, it was the Supreme Court who decided that a government ban on same-sex marriage was unconstitutional. Supreme Court Justices serve for life, and may only be replaced when they resign or pass away. This is why Gorsuch's age will play so much into the talk surrounding his appointment as he may have an opportunity to sit on the court for 25 years or more due to his relative young age of 49.

Gorsuch previously sat as a judge for the Tenth District United States Court of Appeals. Gorsuch has ruled on many cases, and is generally seen as a more conservative or right-leaning judge. Gorsuch helped decide the case Hobby Lobby v. Sebelius, a religious freedom case about a business' rights to refuse to provide birth control through insurance based on religious grounds. Gorsuch sided with Hobby Lobby in this case, gaining much criticism on Gorsuch being anti-woman and pro-religion. Gorsuch has also published "The Future of Assisted Suicide and Euthanasia," a well-known book on assisted suicide and his stance against it. Gorsuch compares the issue to consensual homicide, and feels like it should be banned, an issue that will undoubtedly come up for vote during his tenure as a Supreme Court Judge.

Gorsuch is also seen as an "originalist", someone who interprets the constitution as firm and never changing. Judges who fall into this category, such as the late Antonin Scalia, interpret the constitution as it was meant at the time of it being written. These judges typically fall on the more conservative side of the political spectrum. Gorsuch is seen as a successor to Scalia in many ways, sharing many of the late judge's ideals, beliefs, and even shared a close friendship with the judge. Professor Francis Orlando, who teaches political science, thinks Gorsuch won't have much effect on the court as Gorsuch is so similar to late Justice Scalia.

"I think that the court will probably end up in a similar place as it was last year before Antonin Scalia's passing. Neil Gorsuch, as Antonin Scalia did before him, belongs to the originalist school of judicial interpretation," said Orlando.

Despite Trump's nomination of Gorsuch, there is much controversy surrounding his pick and also surrounding the whole process. Antonin Scalia passed away in Feb. of 2016, leaving a vacancy. Scalia was widely regarded as the most conservative of the justices, so his passing and potential replacement by a liberal judge would affect the Supreme Court for many years to come in the left's favor. With this reasoning, the republican lead congress announced that they will not confirm any Supreme Court justices that then President Obama nominates. Obama then nominated a moderate-liberal judge, Merrick Garland, Chief Judge of the United States Court of Appeals to the position.

As promised, many republicans of the congress, led by the Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, announced that they withhold consent and will not vote to confirm the supreme court nominee, using the reasoning that the American people should choose who is in the supreme court in the coming election.

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Gorsuch's nomination was announced at a flashy and fancy speech in the White House's East Room.

However, several members of the senate then announced that they will confirm Garland if democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton won the election, out of fear that she would appoint someone even more left-leaning than Garland. However, Trump then won the election, and Merrick Garland's nomination expired on Jan. 3, 2017, after being in political limbo for almost 300 days. Many people in today's political climate still feel and believe like this nomination was "stolen" from both President Obama, and Merrick Garland.

Many people see this controversy as an unprecedented act of obstruction by the Republican Party, with many citing that congress members chose their party over the good of the country. However, despite the controversy, Trump's nomination is still valid, and will go in front of congress to be confirmed. Rather current democratic members of the senate will protest and obstruct this confirmation is yet to be seen or announced.

In conclusion, Trump's nomination of Neil Gorsuch may not be one of the flashiest or controversial headlines of the days since his inauguration, but it is potentially the one that will have the most effect on the coming years. Due to Trump's nomination, Trump's impact on the political climate will be felt for the thirty years that Gorsuch may be on the court, and beyond.

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Gorsuch's nomination has already spurred protests, and has been incorporated in some of the already occurring protests.

How do Supreme Court Justice Nominations Work?

Although Trump nominated Gorsuch, that does not mean that he automatically is appointed as a Supreme Court justices.

After being nominated, Gorsuch has to be reviewed by the Senate Judiciary Committee, which is made up of 20 senators, currently with nine democrats and 11 Republicans, including Florida Senator Ted Cruz. After this committee intensely vets the nominees through background checks and questions, they vote on whether they send the nominee to the senate with a certain type of recommendation: a good one, bad one or none at all.

Now the senate, led by the chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, debate on the nomination. It takes 51 senator votes, a simple majority, for the nominee to be confirmed; however, this may be a long process, as with the case with Obama's nominee, Merrick Garland's nomination expired after nearly ten months without a confirmation hearing. In fact, senators can stall the debate and the vote and can do this by initiating a filibuster, which is an effort by senator to stall a vote by refusing to yield the floor and thus extending the debate. In this case, it takes supermajority, 60 votes, to end the debate or filibuster. Then, it still takes simple majority for the nomination to be confirmed. Therefore, although Trump nominated Gorsuch, Gorsuch still needs to be elected by the senate to become a Supreme Court justice.

Worldwide

Mexican Border Opened For Minutes

By Michayne Stoney
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Citizens from both Mexico and the United States gathered at the Mexican border on Jan. 28 to embrace their loved ones for four minutes.

Since Aug. of last year, the Border Network for Human Rights (BNHR) has held three events where families from both sides of the border had the chance to meet and greet each other, with the third and the most recent being held on Jan 28.

BNHR is an organization that handles immigration reform and human rights advocacy, and the organization has initiated these events, what are called "Hugs Not Walls," for documented and undocumented Mexican migrant workers to reunite in person with their families who have lost physical contact with their loved ones.

"Hugs not Walls symbolizes an act of love since one of its purposes is to reunite families that have not seen each other in decades, but also represents an act of protest since the main idea is to denounce the family separations and deportations due to the harsh immigration policies," said Gabriela Castaneda, Communication Director of BNHR.

According to Castaneda, at the third "Hugs Not Walls" event, 370 families showed up, and they were able to embrace with their families for four minutes. Instead at the second event, which was held on Oct. 29 of last year, were able to embrace for three minutes. Also, at the second event, Telersur described that more than 300 families met: "Starting at 9 a.m., groups of 20 people, 10 from each side, embraced family, members that some hadn't seen for years, or even decades." And the three events were not that different from each other, as Castaneda describes.

"The only difference between this one and the last is that on the last one, people were very afraid because the event was being held during the Trump administration," said Castaneda.

Although the third event was just days after Trump signed the executive order requesting for the construction of the border wall, the "Hugs Not Walls" event still took place. Under sanction and watchful eyes of the U.S. Border Patrol and Mexico's Federal Police and with the United States citizens wearing blue t-shirts and Mexicans wearing white, family members from each side of the border were allowed to embrace one another at the middle of the mucky Rio Grande, which in between the US-Mexican border.

This undoubtedly was quite emotional, but was an incredible act of love. On Jan. 25, Gabriela Castaneda described that the scene was even more emotional.

Photo provided by Gabriela Castaneda

"There are mixed feelings, a lot of people smiling and feeling nervous, others crying, overall you can feel a really good vibe and lots of love and hope," said Gabriela Castaneda, communication director of BNHR., referring to the "Hugs Not Walls" event.

"We had people that had not seen their loved ones in decades, some had not seen their family members in 20 years. Mothers separated from daughter, sons from fathers, wives from husbands. Some of the families let us know that their loved one had died one or two weeks prior to the event, that was heartbreaking."

On campus many student are unaware of the "Hugs not Walls" campaign, but many understand the hardship of being away from family, and others are concerned about the impact of President Trump's immigration laws. Daniela Alonso, a junior majoring in psychology, stated that she was wary about the possible impacts of President Trump on such initiatives.

"Though I know nobody in Mexico, I am Cuban, and I have been separated from my extended family for seventeen years. I have yet to meet many aunts and uncles, and as such, I know it must be hard for those who cannot cross the Mexican border to look for their friends and family. I have great feelings of sympathy for such people," said Alonso. "I am happy that there are passive protests going on such as #HugsNotWalls. I don't know how successful this will be in improving migration laws, but I definitely know it's a step in the right direction."

Personal Stories Helped by "Hugs Not Walls"

The following are personal stories of people who were willing to share their stories, as Gabriela Castaneda shared with The Lions' Pride.

"I can't express with words what I felt. Since I was walking towards the river, tears started running down my face; I was looking to the other side in Juarez where I saw hundreds of people, and I was thinking to myself that I was going to be able to see my loved one shortly. I had not seen my brother in 20 years. This afternoon, I was looking at the pictures again, and I felt the same feeling I had when I was in the river with my brother: I remember telling my mother that I was going to participate in this event and that very soon I was going to be able to see my brother. She said, "that is great, son; you will finally be able to see your brother." But my mother died two weeks prior to the event and she wasn't able to see their sons together one more time. But nevertheless, I have been left with a great satisfaction, for this experience has marked my life. It was only three minutes, but they were the most beautiful minutes of my life; it was a piece of heaven that God gave me. I can't express with words the gratitude I feel towards the Executive Director and his team. God bless you all."

- Ricardo Jacquez

"Almost 20 years passed by, and, finally, yesterday, I was able to hug my mother! Now, I dedicate this hug to all of those that think that we come here to take away their jobs. I am not a US citizen; I am a Mexican immigrant, not because I wanted to become one, but due to the circumstances. I have been working hard for years in this country, and helping all those that at some point had required my help. I have never wanted to become a burden for anyone. I didn't have a childhood; I left it back in my country when I crossed the border, and now I tell you, you that criticize and curse my community: do not wear out with so much hatred; instead, thank life for having a better life than most of us."

- Nayeli Ruiz

"Her name Is Gabriela. She had not seen her daddy since she was 1 year old. She is five now. Even though they talk by phone, thanks to Hugs Not Walls, she was able to see him again and hug him. The situation was very difficult for her since her older sisters were able to see their dad – but not her, and she was always asking why I can't see my dad."

- Laura Murillo
(Gabriela's mother)

"My name is Ofelia Arcos. I had not seen my parents in 22 years, and thanks to Hugs Not Walls, I was able to see them again. I have no words to express my gratitude. Yesterday was very exciting. Thanks so much."

- Ofelia Arcos

Arts & Entertainment

"La La Land:" The Rebirth of the Movie Musical

By Emily Kochanski
Campus News Editor

With a record-breaking seven Golden Globe wins and 14 Oscar nominations, director Damien Chazelle's lyrical, toe-tapping romantic drama "La La Land" starts the new year on a high note. The film stars Ryan Gosling and 2017 Screen Actors Guild Award winner Emma Stone.

"La La Land" tells the story of Mia (Stone) and Sebastian (Gosling), an aspiring actress and a struggling jazz pianist who meet and fall in love in modern day Hollywood and encourage each other to pursue their respective dreams. While Mia floats back and forth between her job as a barista and countless auditions with unfortunate results, Sebastian attempts to raise the funds needed to open his own nightclub where his beloved jazz can be preserved. Ultimately, the two are forced to decide which is more important: their ambitions or each other.

Following in the footsteps of "Singin' in the Rain" and "An American in Paris," "La La Land" is a vibrant and whimsical, yet startlingly simple musical masterpiece. Though it is set in 2016, the film pays homage to the golden age of Hollywood and movie musicals with an upbeat and jazzy retro feel. At its heart, "La La Land" is a powerful message about preserving the beauty of the past. As the film and music industry become more modern, the beloved tunes and cinematic gems of yesteryear are being quickly forgotten.

Both Stone and Gosling deliver impactful and unforgettable performances. As seen in previous films, such as "Crazy Stupid Love," the duo's on-screen chemistry is undeniable. The end of Mia and Sebastian's love story comes as quite a shock and will leave audiences heartbroken. Unlike the melodious love stories of Hollywood's golden age, "La La Land" ends on an unexpected, more realistic note and sends viewers home with an ache in their heart and sadness deep in their bones.

On a happier note, Chazelle's second full-length feature enchants its audience with bright and stunning visuals and, of course, a moving soundtrack and score. As expected, "La La Land" is packed with a slew of original ditties, including the Oscar-nominated "City of Stars" and "Start a Fire," performed by Grammy-winning artist John Legend who also stars in the film. Although the piano melody entitled "Mia and Sebastian's Theme" is positively haunting and Emma Stone's performance of "Audition (The Fools Who Dream)" is tear-jerking, it is the film's catchy opening number, "Another Day of Sun," that viewers will have stuck in their heads long after the end credits roll.

With Valentine's Day right around the corner, "La La Land" makes the perfect date night flick. Die hard musical fans will be dying to don a pair of black and white oxford shoes and burst into song in the middle of traffic. "La La Land" lives on in the hearts and minds of its audience long after the last few melancholy notes of Sebastian's melody have faded away.

Photo from @LaLaLand

Mia (Emma Stone) and Sebastian (Ryan Gosling) are this generation's Ginger Rogers and Fred Astaire.

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Arts & Entertainment

5 Date Ideas with a College Budget in Mind

By Savannah Parrow
Special to the Lions' Pride

As Valentine's Day quickly approaches, many couples face the troubling dilemma about how or where the holiday should be spent. The holiday is centered around copious ideas of what suffices for a date, and many are not wallet friendly for those who are on a strict budget like many college students are. If penny saving is a goal one would like to achieve this holiday, consider a few ideas as listed, for a fun, budget orientated date.

For the couple that loves to be athletic, think of attending Love, Give, Live, a 5k running event taking place Feb. 11 in Downtown Tampa's Water Works Park from 7:30-10:30 a.m. The event has no admission cost; however, the Life Link Legacy Fund will happily accept any donations.

For the couple that enjoys live music, there is an event that will be hosted by University of South Florida called Steinway Series that is open to the public. The event will take place Feb. 12, at 4 p.m in the USF School of Music Barness Recital Hall. The admission costs only $10 per student with a valid student identification card and $15 for general admission tickets.

For the couple that enjoys the arts, consider attending Tampa Repertory Theatre to watch a new show called "Dog Act." The event takes place Feb. 13 at 7:30 p.m and the admission tickets costs $10 per person.

For the couple that wants to celebrate the holiday locally, join Saint Leo University for the event Saint Leo City Limits Sweethearts at the Blackbox Theatre in the Benedictine Hall on Feb. 15 for an evening of popular love songs. The event is free admission and open to the public; however, Saint Leo will gladly accept $10 donations that will benefit the growing music program. A dessert reception will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will be followed shortly thereafter with the performance beginning at 7 p.m.

Lastly, The Pioneer Florida Museum and Village is an ideal option for the couple who loves history. Located at the museum and village are 12 unique locations that guide visitors through picturesque old Florida and historic artifacts dated back to the 1800s-1900s. The museum is located right in Dade City from Tuesdays through Saturday at 10a.m. to 5p.m. Admission costs $4 for all students who present a valid school ID.

Top 5 Romantic Movies for Valentine's Day

By Erica Winn
Special to the Lions' Pride

Love is in the air! With Valentine's Day right around the corner, bring on the dates, restaurants, flowers, and chocolates, right? Pretty typical, wouldn't one say? How about skipping one of the busiest nights out around town and just staying home this Valentine's Day with a significant other watching movies? Here are the top five romantic movies for couples to watch:

A Walk to Remember (2002): Get the tissues out for this movie, folks! Based on a Nicholas Sparks novel, this movie is exactly what its title implies. Jamie Sullivan (Mandy Moore) is an avid Christian; although, she declares her own relationship with God. Landon Carter (Shane West) is the 'bad boy' who has no direction in his life. He has no idea that the girl that wears the same sweater every single day will change his life forever. After both landing lead roles in the school play, things start to change as the audience sees Landon mature as a person all because of Jamie. This movie will have one hooked, no doubt about it. Moore and West prove that true love does exist (even if it's just on screen. It'll make one believe).

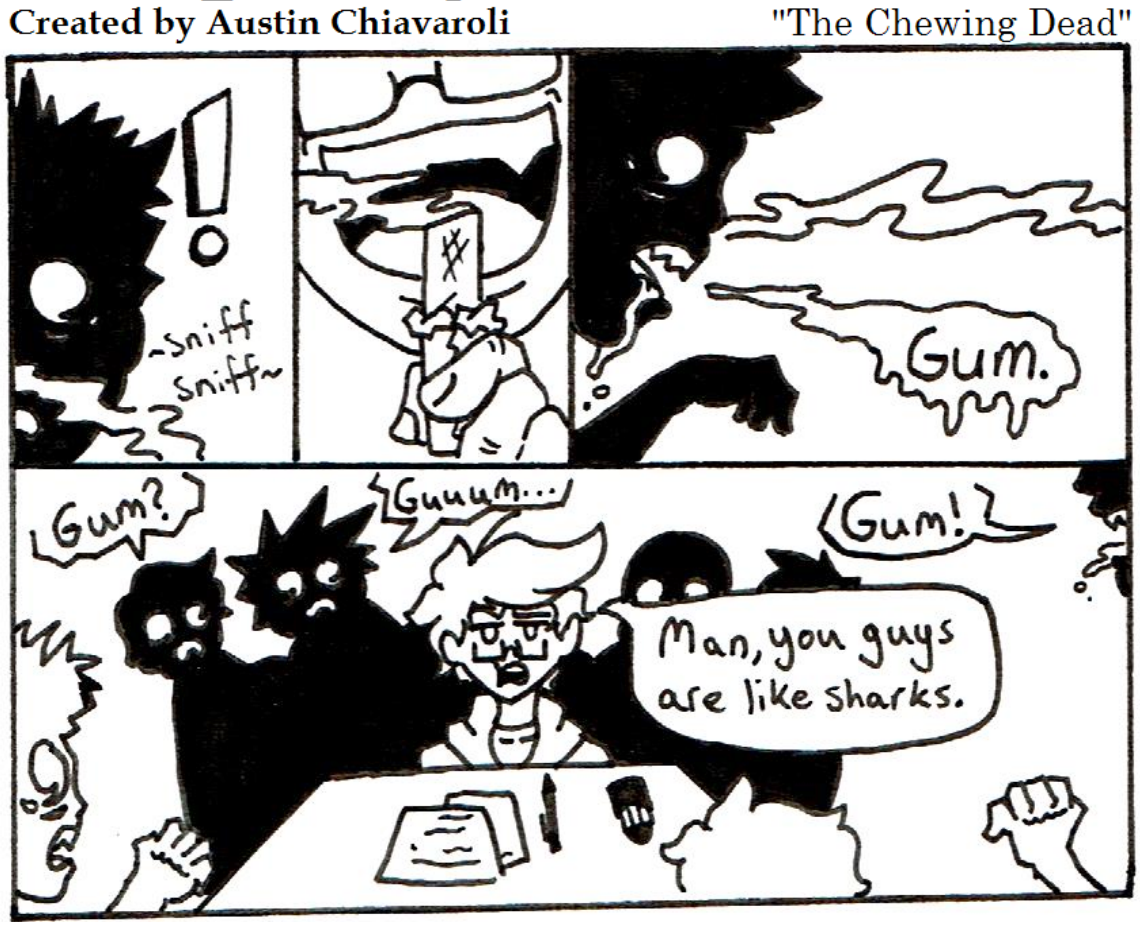
The Notebook (2004): Based on a Nicholas Sparks novel, this story follows Allie Hamilton and Noah Calhoun and how they fall in love swiftly. The two start off as just a summer fling, but eventually it turns into a long romance. Noah is a country boy but Allie, who is upper class, falls helplessly in love with him anyways. After the disapproval of Allie's parents, she moves away, and after years have passed, there is another man in her life. What happens when Allie and Noah reunite for the first time in seven years? Will the old feelings stir up or is it too late? Former real-life couple Rachel McAdams and Ryan Gosling star in this romantic drama as they bring their romance to life on screen.

The Lucky One (2012): Any movie with Zac Efron is a must see. Based on a Nicholas Sparks novel, the Lucky One stars Efron as Logan Thibault, who is a Marine that eventually finds a picture of a smiling, vibrant young woman during the war and he was convinced that the picture had brought him good luck. He then travels to Louisiana after previously serving in Iraq. He is determined to find the woman in the picture and thank her for saving his life. Will he get the girl or will things turn completely upside down?

How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days (2003): This blockbuster romantic comedy stars Kate Hudson and Matthew McConaughey. She's writing an article on how to ditch a guy, and he's betting he'll make her fall in love...all in the span of ten days. Benjamin Barry (McConaughey) is an advertising executive and is a total ladies' man. His co-workers pick out the stunning Andie Anderson (Hudson) as his next target. The bet is to try to make her fall in love with him in just ten days. However, he is betting on the wrong girl. He has no idea that Andie covers the "How To" for *Composure* magazine and is given the assignment to create an article on "How to Lose a Guy in 10 days." Two couples, two hidden agendas. If one is looking for a good laugh with a special person, then this is the movie for them!

The Vow (2012): Based on a true story about a woman who lost her memory from a tragic car accident, Channing Tatum and Rachel McAdams completely shine in this romantic drama. Paige (McAdams) and her husband, Leo (Tatum) are the happiest they have ever been. On their way home from the movie theater one night, they get into a terrible car accident, which causes severe memory loss for Paige. She remembers her early life but, doesn't remember anything about her husband, Leo. Since he is still in love with her, he vows to help her remember their love for each other and will not give up on her.

So there it is! The top five romantic movies for couples to watch this Valentine's Day. Any of these movies will keep one interested and engaged. Wishing everyone the best and happiness this Valentine's day!



Sports

Super Bowl LI

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In a night full of memorable commercials and a halftime show, there was the New England Patriots facing the Atlanta Falcons to determine the best football team for the year. The number one ranked offense, the Atlanta Falcons, was facing off against the number one ranked defense, the Patriots. This game had outbursts of emotions, insane catches by both teams, and a comeback that will be remembered forever.

Both offenses were very stagnant in the first quarter, ending the first quarter with no score. The Falcons and their regular season Most Valuable Player Matt Ryan finally took off in the second quarter with a 71 yard drive culminating in a 5 yard rushing touchdown by Devonta Freeman. In another quick drive, Ryan threw a 19 yard pass to Austin Hooper to extend to a 14-0 lead. Then the impossible happened, Tom Brady threw an interception that was caught by Robert Alford for 82 yard pick six to extend the lead to 21-0. That was the first defensive touchdown against the Patriots all season. To end the half, the Patriots' Stephen Gostkowski kicked a 41 yard field goal to make it a 21-3 Falcons' lead at halftime.

The second half is where the game became interesting. The Falcons came out scoring a touchdown on a six yard touchdown pass to Tevin Coleman to extend to a 28-3 lead for Atlanta. With 2:06 remaining in the third quarter, James White caught a five yard pass to cut the deficit to 28-9 after a missed point after touchdown attempt. This is where the tides had begun to turn for both teams.

With 9:44 remaining in the fourth quarter, Gostkowski hit a 33 yard field goal after a 12 play drive to open up the quarter to make it 28-12. After a 5 play 25 yard drive, Brady threw a 6 yard touchdown to Danny Amendola and converted the two-point conversion to make it 28-20 Atlanta. Next drive, New England took 10 plays and went 91 yards to tie the game with 57 seconds remaining in the fourth after White ran a 1 yard touchdown and they converted the two-point conversion. This became the first Super Bowl to enter overtime.

In overtime, if the team scores a touchdown on the opening possession the game is over. The Patriots did just that after a 2 yard run by White to give the Patriots the 34-28 victory. Somehow, Brady walked away with the Super Bowl MVP and the coveted "I'm going to Disney World" line instead of White. Brady went 43 of 62 for 466 yards with 2 touchdowns and an interception. White had 6 carries for 29 yards and 2 touchdowns rushing along with 14 catches for 110 yards and a touchdown reception.

Falcons quarterback Ryan went 17 for 23 for 284 with 2 touchdowns. He also became the 17th straight regular season MVP to fail to win the Super Bowl, the last one being Kurt Warner in 1999. After the game, Offensive Coordinator for the Atlanta Falcons, Kyle Shanahan, left to take the vacant Head Coach position for the San Francisco 49ers. Will Ryan, Julio Jones, and the rest of the Falcons be able to build on a season of successes after falling short? Will the Patriots keep the system going and be able to win a potential sixth ring? Can another team knock these two teams out of Super Bowl 52? Guess everyone will have to wait another year for these questions to be answered.

Upcoming Games for the Week of 2/10/17 - 2/17/17

Baseball

2/10: Vs Lee 6 PM
2/11: Vs Lee 1 PM
2/11: Vs Lee 5 PM

M Lacrosse

2/11: Vs Chowan 1 PM

Softball

2/10: Vs Central Mo. @ NFCA Leadoff Classic 5 PM
2/10: Vs Georgia College @ NFCA Leadoff Classic 7:30 PM
2/11: Vs Tex. A&M-Commerce @ NFCA Leadoff Classic 3 PM
2/11: Vs Tiffin @ NFCA Leadoff Classic 5:30 PM
2/12: Vs St. Mary's @ NFCA Leadoff Classic 11:30 AM

W Basketball

2/11: Vs Florida Tech 5:30 PM
2/15: @ Palm Beach Atlantic 5:30 PM

M Basketball

2/11: Vs Florida Tech 7:30 PM
2/15: @ Palm Beach Atlantic 7:30 PM

M Golf

2/13: Vs Matlock Invitational Rounds 1 & 2
2/14: Vs Matlock Invitational Final

W Tennis

2/15: Vs Florida Tech 3 PM
2/16: Vs Eckerd 3 PM

M Tennis

2/16: Vs Eckerd 3 PM

M Swimming

2/16: Vs SSC Championships

W Swimming

2/16: Vs SSC Championships

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Super Bowl Winning Quarterback Tom Brady and Commissioner of the NFL Roger Goodell have had a rocky relationship to say the least after Brady was suspended for 4 games due to his role in "Deflategate."